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1. RE REFTEL, INFO DEALING WITH RELEVANT BRAZILIAN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT LEGISLATION IS BASICALLY SUMMARIZED IN ENGLISH/PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE BOOKLET WHICH BEING SENT AIR FACILITY DIRECT TO WCAVITT/COM/IERP/OTPL/LTP SINCE CABLE SUMMARY WOULD BE EXCESSIVELY LOMG. CAVITT MAY ALSO WISH CHECK WITH TJOHNSON/COM/BIC/DIBA/LA FOR ADDITIONAL DATA THIS SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO QUANTITATIVELY SPECIFIC AIR/WATER EMISSION LEVELS FOR SAO PAULO AT PRESENT. RE PRODUCTION FIGURES, FOLLOWING DATA OBTAINED FROM ASSOCIATION/INDUSTRY SOURCES: (A) FERTILIZER - 2.58 MILLION (1973) AND 3.37 MILLION (1977); (B) IRON - 56 MILLION (1973): (C) STEEL - 7.2 MILLION (1973) AND 17 MILLION (1978); (D) PAPER - 1.59 MILLION (1973) AND 3.37 (1978); (E) PULP - 0.971 THOUSAND (1973) AND 3.077 MILLION (1978). NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE FOR IRON IN 1978 OR FOR FERTILI-
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ZER BEYOND 1977. ALL FIGURES IN METRIC TONS. FIGURES FOR 1977-

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78 SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS DEPENDENT ON OVERALL ECONOMIC SI-
TUATION, AND MAY VARY.

2. RE REFAIR ACTION QUESTION (1) THERE NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION
AFFECTING PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY. GENERAL AIR/WATER
EMISSION STANDARDS APPLY AT PRESENT. RE QUESTION (2) WET PRO-
CESS PHOSPHORIC ACID CURRENTLY PRODUCED ONLY BY ULTRAFERTIL
S.A. INDUSTRIA E COMPANHIA DE FERTILIZANTES. PRODUCTION CAPA-
CITY IS 75,000 METRIC TONS/YEAR. PLANT PRODUCES 245 TONS/DAY
OF 100 PERCENT P205 SOLUTION. IN ADDITION, COMPANHIA PETROQUI-
MICA BRASILEIRA COPEBRAS NOW INSTALLING PLANT WHICH WILL COME
ON STREAM IN NEAR FUTURE. PLANNED CAPACITY WILL BE 100,000
METRIC TONS/YEAR OF P205. FOLLOWING FIRM PRODUCES NORMAL PHOS-
PHATE FERTILIZER (FIGURES, IN METRIC TONS, ARE FOR 1973 AND
1977 CAPACITY, RESPECTIVELY): PROFERTIL (0.70THOUSAND AND
128 THOUSAND). FOLLOWING FIRMS PRODUCING NORMAL PHOSPHATE
FERTILIZER HAVE NO EXPANSION PROGRAMS AT PRESENT AND FIGURES
GIVEN (IN METRIC TONS), IS 1973 CAPACITY: QUIMBRASIL (250,000),
INDAG (100,000), FOSFANIL (150,000), FERTIBASE (150,000),
CRA (50,000), ICISA (50,000), FERTISUL (100,000), POLICARBONO
(15,000). TOTALS: 1973-1.285 MILLION, 1977-1.33 MILLION METRIC
TONS. SUPER CONCENTRATED PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER CAPACITY FOR
COPEBRAS (100,000-1973 AND 150,000-1977),AND PROFERTIL--NOT
YET ON STREAM (1977-50,000). THESE ONLY TWO IMPORTANT PRODU-
CERS. TRIPLE SUPER PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER PRODUCED BY INDAG
(15,000-1973); FERTICAP (10,000-1973). NO EXPANSION PLANNED BY
FOREGOING COMPANIES. FUTURE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR FOLLOWING
FIRMS TO BE AS INDICATED: DATEX (50,000-1977); PROFERTIL
(60,000-1977). MONAMONIUM PHOSPHATE FERTLIZER CURRENTLY PRO-
DUCED ONLYBY QUIMBRASIL (130,000-1973). PROFERTIL (120,000-
1977) AND COPEBRAS (130,000-1977) HAVE PLANE TO INITIATE PRO-
DUCTION. DIAMONIUM PHOSPHATE FERTLIZER PRODUCED BY ULTRAFERTIL
(200,000-1973) AND WILL BE PRODUCED BY COPEBRAS (60,000-1977).
ALL ABOVE DATA TAKEN FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FERTILIZER
PRODUCERS. FIGURES BEYOND THOSE FOR 1973 SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD
ASPLANNED ESTIMATES. PRODUCTION CAPACITY BASED ON 300 DAY
WORK YEAR. INFO RE QUESTION 3 AVAILABLE IN ADELA MARKETING
STUDY MENTIONED REFTEL TABLES 11.1, 11.2 AND 11.3.

3. IN GENARAL, BOTH GOB AND STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN RELA-
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TIVELY LAX ABOUT SERIOUS ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LEGISLATION,
AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUCH ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE ALLOWED TO
SERIOUSLY HANDICAP DEVELOPMENT PLANS. HOWEVER, CITIES LIKE
SAO PAULO AND RIO NOW WELL AWARE OF DANGERS OF UNCONTROLLED
WATER AND AIR POLLUTION, AND PUBLIC ATTENTION BEING FOCUSED ON
PROBLEMS INVOLVED. IS IS PROBABLE THAT IN THE MAJOR POLLUTED
AREAS OF BRAZIL, MORE ENERGETIC STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO COUNTER
THE DEVASTING EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL/URBAN GROWTH, ALTHOUGH

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THESE STEPS CANNOT BE SEEN CLEARLY AT PRESENT. PREFACE OF ADELA STUDY IS USEFUL WITH REGARD TO THIS POINT.

4. IN CITY OF SAO PAULO, LEVELS OF MEASURING AIR POLLUTION ARE BASED ON STANDARDS DETERMINED BY WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

5. THERE IS A PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE PUBLICATION OF 460 PAGES WHICH INCLUDES FULL TEXTS OF ALL MAJOR POLLUTION ABATENENT LEGISLATION AT THE FEDERAL AND MAJOR STATE LEVELS (LEGISLACAO APLICADA AO CONTROLE DE POLUICAO). CONGEN NOT IN POSITION MAKE TRANSLATION SINCE TEXT HIGHLYTECHNICAL AND TASK WOULD BE TOO TIME-CONSUMING. IF REQUESTED, HOWEVER, CONGEN WILL FORWARD COPY TO WASHINGTON FOR ACTION THERE. BELIEVE, THOUGH, THAT SMALLER ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET BEING SENT WILL SERVE IMMEDIATE PURPOSE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED LEVEL OF LEGISLATION.

6. EMBASSY CONCURS THIS MESSAGE.
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